

MACA NEWS

Serving property owners on Long, Negaunee, Wenona and Miskwabi Lakes



YOUR MACA EXECUTIVE

President: Andy Mosher
Vice President: Mike Giza
Treasurer: Virginia Vranckx
Secretary: Susan Rohricht
Past President: Larry Holden

Directors:
 John Beadle
 Peter Dilworth (*Lake Planning*)
 Dave Ewart
 John Ewing (*Roads*)
 Tim Hagarty (*Lake Stewardship*)
 Haden Heathcock
 Susanne James (*Newsletter*)
 Phyllis McCulloch (*Membership*)
 Tim Payment (*North Shore Roads*)
 Moe Welch (*Events*)

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President's Message

Greetings to all of our Members! I hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to some beautiful fall weather.

As most of you know, we have had a changing of the guard in the MACA Executive. After four very successful years as President, Mike Giza stepped down in July.



On behalf of the Membership and the Executive, I would like to thank Mike for his years of service as President.

During his Presidency, Mike was instrumental in the development of our Watershed Plan which has put us on a firm footing to protect our lakes in the future. As well he carried through the work that was started by our previous President, Larry Holden, to unite MACA with the former Miskwabi North Shore association.

Fortunately for those of us on the Executive, Mike has agreed to stay on as Vice President, so his experience and voice will continue to help guide us going forward.

Thanks Mike, and thanks to all of our great volunteers!

Andy Mosher, MACA President

2016 MACA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Spring Cleanup: Sunday, May 22nd

AGM: Saturday, July 9th

Golf Tournament: Saturday, July 16th

Wine and Cheese: Saturday, August 27th

Details and locations to follow in Spring Newsletter

Wine and Cheese

Thanks to MACA members Kay Hubbard and Ulf Neidhardt for hosting the 2015 MACA wine and cheese in August on Miskwabi Lake.



A good time was had by all, and as has become an annual MACA tradition, we were able to gather generous donations for the Haliburton Food Bank.

We are looking for hosts for the 2016 Wine and Cheese, so if you are interested in hosting, please contact a member of your MACA Executive. The association budgets for wine and cheese for the event so all we need is your hospitality!

The "Battle of the Lakes" Is On!



Calling All Curlers! We are looking for you to represent our lakes in the second annual "Battle of the Lakes" Bonspiel,

taking place on November 21st at the Haliburton Curling Club.

If you are interested in taking part please contact Moe Welch, at 705-455-9371 or by e-mail at loismoe@bell.net for details.

Fall Federal Election

Canadians go to the polls on October 19th to elect a new Federal government. We encourage all of our Members to exercise your right to vote!

The incumbent Member of Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Barry Devolin is leaving politics, so one thing is for certain: we will have a new MP representing our riding in Ottawa.

Our local candidates are (in alphabetical order by party):

- Conservative Party of Canada: Jamie Schmale, jamieschmale.ca
- Green Party of Canada: Bill MacCallum, billmaccallum.greenparty.ca
- Liberal Party of Canada: David Marquis, davidmarquis.liberal.ca
- New Democratic Party: Mike Perry, mikeperry.ndp.ca

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with your local candidates and their platforms, and don't forget to get out and vote!

Hunting Season is Coming!

As fall approaches it's time to be aware of hunting season in our area.

Remember that during hunting season it's important to wear "hunter orange" (hats, vests, scarves, and on pets too), keep dogs on a leash, and keep walking and hiking to main roads.

This year's gun-hunting seasons in Haliburton run from October 19th-24th for moose, and November 2nd-15th for deer.

Please be careful out there!

2015 Annual General Meeting

MACA's 41st Annual General Meeting was held on a beautiful sunny day on Saturday, July 11th, 2015, at the "Airport Strip" clearing across from the Jerry Strickland Boat Launch on Trapper's Trail Road.



Mike Giza opened the meeting at 11:15 a.m. with approximately 80 members in attendance. He told the group that MACA is 41 years old and thanked everyone for coming. He said that this is an active membership with lots of input from the members. He thanked all the volunteers in the association.

Mike thanked all the volunteers involved in the roads clean up in May. He commented that this is the first year the mounds of garbage have decreased. This is a trend we'd like to see continue! Mike thanked Phyllis McCulloch for organizing the roads clean up this year, John Beadle for taking the garbage to the dump, and Dave & Anne Foster for hosting a BBQ for the volunteers.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mike introduced Derek Knowles as the first guest speaker. Derek had the following to say:

- The Haliburton landfill is reaching a critical point. It is estimated that it has a 5 - 8 year life span. He encouraged everyone to recycle as much as they can.
- There was a question from a member about how to dispose of construction material. Derek told him that the dump will take it.

- Derek has received lots of letters from our area about our roads. He confirmed that some hard surface roads are going back to gravel as they have not lasted as long as the Municipality had originally hoped. One km of hard surface costs \$30,000.00. All the branch roads in the area are getting maintenance. He confirmed that the big hill on Wenona Lake Road (formerly Portage) will remain hard surfaced.
- A member asked about fireworks. We have no by-law about that. It is difficult to enforce. Derek suggested that mostly it is renters setting them off. Education is key. Minden has a by-law restricting use - this is the first year - it will be interesting to see how it works for them after the first year. Phyllis McCulloch suggested that if they were not available in the stores, people wouldn't have them - suggested restricting it initially from that end.
- In response to Mick Hansard's question about calcium being put down on Wenona Road, Derek confirmed that will happen.
- There is a county by-law about cutting trees down within 30m of the shoreline. No permit is required to cut trees down that are dead or trees less than 4 inches in diameter. If you are planning to cut trees at the shoreline, a permit is required, regardless of the size of the tree.
- Andy Mosher offered to put a link to the bylaw on the MACA website.
- On behalf of MACA, Mike gave Derek a small token of appreciation for his participation in our meeting.

Mike introduced Murray Fearrey as the second guest speaker.

- Murray explained that seasonal owners will pay the same tax rate as locals. Over the next 3 years we will see an increase due to the new OPP guidelines. Currently, education is 40% of our tax bills.
- The bad storm in June of 2014 had major impact on the municipality's budget.
- We are on the list to have shoreline assessments done in our area in one of the next couple of years. All property owners will get a confidential mailing

with their own results. There will be a demo area set up on Head Lake to show owners what can be done to improve their shoreline.

- The municipality has taken over septic inspections. They are looking for new ways to handle the waste as farmer's fields are limited in our area.



- Murray said that the MACA lake plan was the best one that he has seen to date.
- Member Mick Hansard asked if it is compulsory to have a septic inspection done when selling your property. There is no law for this but realtors and new buyers are often asking for this to be done as a stipulation in the sale of a property.
- Mike gave Murray a small token of appreciation for participating in our AGM again.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Virginia Vranckx presented the financial statement. She mentioned that Revenue Canada has changed our year end 2 times following the amalgamation with the North Shore. The membership revenue is strong. One of the larger expenses was the lake plan development and printing. We also purchased 3 signs for the area. On the plus side, we have received some donations from Century 21 when properties were sold in our area. The

cost of insurance has increased. This year a committee reviewed our FOCA membership and obtained an additional insurance quote. Not very many insurance companies want to insure not-for-profit organizations and roads committees. We have printed a second run of the lake plan which was another expense. Phyllis McCulloch motioned to pass the financial statement and Kay Hubbard seconded the motion. All members voted to pass.

Phyllis McCulloch said that we have 190 members in our association. 148 people qualified for the early bird draw from the wine store in Minden. The winner was Lyne and Robert Vinet/Deubel. The Wenona beaver dam was breached for a second time. This is causing considerable damage to some properties. The Ministry of Natural Resources has been involved in the conversation and will be looking at this closely. Residents have formed a committee to find out why this has happened. If anyone has not been involved in the conversation and wants to be included, Phyllis has asked that they reach out to her.

Moe Welch reminded everyone that next Saturday (July 18) is the golf tournament in West Guilford. There are still spots available if anyone wants to join. August 29th is the annual wine & cheese. This year Kay Hubbard and Ulf Neidhardt have volunteered to host it. Please remember to bring a donation for the food bank.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Mike Giza explained that positions are held for two years. The following people were up for re-election for another term - Haden Heathcock, Phyllis McCulloch, Andy Mosher, Susan Rohricht, Tim Payment, and Moe Welch. There are four additional people that are running for the first time - Peter Dilworth, Dave Ewart, Susanne James, and Tim Hagarty. Larry Holden passed the motion to accept these elections. Lois Welch seconded the motion. All members voted in favour to pass.

LAKE PLAN

Mike Giza said that the Municipality has a five year official plan. We hope they will be able to incorporate some of our suggestions. Peter Dilworth will take over implementing the lake plan. Peter reminded everyone that they should have received their copy but if not there were still some available at the registration desk. Peter thanked the membership for completing the survey and their input. Peter thanked Mike Giza for his leadership on the team. The priorities will be: communication and distribution, 34 recommendations and implementation of those, monitoring (creating an issues log and a

database), and participation in the official plan with Dysart et al. This will be a two year process and the membership will be updated as progress is made. Peter asked anyone who is interested in joining the committee to see him.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Mike thanked the Beadles and the Taylors for letting us use the air strip for the meeting. It is not public land and he reminded everyone not to leave garbage there.

Mike reminded everyone to check their boats before going into our lakes. We are very lucky that we don't have a problem with invading species. Everyone would like to keep it that way. People should not be washing themselves or their vehicles in the lake.

Mick Hansard has brought to Mike's attention that there are a couple of propane companies who might be interested in providing group rates for residents. For more information see Mick.

Mike Giza has been the president for the past four years and will be finishing with this term. He thanked the Directors and members of the lake plan committee. He also thanked the membership for being so involved. The membership showed their appreciation with a round of applause. Mike was instrumental in putting the lake plan together.

Raffle draws -

- Winner of the Nature Clean basket - Ron Sharp
- Winner of the theatre tickets - John Butt
- Auction of the wooden sign - winner - Dennis Rogers

On behalf of the membership, Moe Welch thanked Mike for all his work and leadership over the years.

Mike thanked Dave McCulloch for being the BBQ chef for the group.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m. and BBQ commenced.

Thanks to Susan Rohricht for taking the Minutes of the AGM

Watershed Plan Update

Now that the Miskwabi Area Watershed Plan has been completed and printed, the Watershed Plan Committee is moving into the implementation phase.

This spring, copies of the Watershed Plan were distributed door-to-door to property owners, bringing the number of plans distributed to approximately 400 to date.

The Watershed plan is also now available in its entirety on MACA's web site at www.mymaca.net.

The completion of the Watershed Plan is timely, as the Municipality of Dysart et Al is in the process of reviewing and updating its Official Plan (more information on the Official Plan Review process is available on the Municipality's Web site at www.dysartetal.ca)

The Municipality has pledged to work with MACA to address the concerns in the Watershed Plan that relate to Municipal planning.

In August, MACA President Andy Mosher, Vice President Mike Giza, and Director for Lake Planning Peter Dilworth met with Dysart et Al's Director of Planning And Development, Patricia Martin, to discuss how MACA can best participate in the planning process.

The major planning-related concerns stemming from the Watershed Plan were discussed, including: support for septic re-inspections; continued recognition of Long and Miskwabi as "at capacity" trout lakes; further protection of wetlands in our watershed area; and recognition of tranquility and night skies as important values in our area.

The meeting was productive and the Municipality once again expressed its commitment to continue to work with MACA on the issues that we have raised.

Wenona Lake Dam Update

At the end of June, the beaver dam at the south end of Wenona Lake was breached once again, causing water from the lake to rapidly spill downstream. This is an ongoing issue, as the beaver dam has been damaged several times in recent years.

A group of concerned property owners on the lake have formed a committee to look into the issue and try to find a long-term solution.

The committee is working with the Ministry of Natural Resources, to seek the Ministry's input on more effectively regulating the water level.

It is also preparing a document to distribute to all property owners on Wenona, providing information on environmental issues relating to the dam, and the consequences for interfering with it.

MACA will continue to monitor the situation and will keep members informed of news going forward. Thanks to Phyllis McCulloch for keeping the MACA board up-to-date on this important issue.



As many of you may have noticed, there is major repair work going on along both sides of Highway 118 at Trapper's Trail, across from the mailboxes. Both ends of the culvert running under 118 are being re-built.

2015 Golf Tournament

The 2015 MACA Golf Tournament was held at the Lakeside Golf Course in West Guilford with a full compliment of 36 participants playing a best-ball format. The winning team was the foursome of Peter Dilworth and his son, James, Amar Banneerje and Richard Taylor. After the tournament, a barbeque was held at Donna and Wayne Ground's on Broken Paddle Road, where prizes were awarded to the winning team and draw prizes were also presented as arranged by Stuart Buck. A great time was held by all.

The 2016 golf tournament will be held next July at a golf course yet to be determined

— Moe Welch

CEWF Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) was held on September 12th at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery.

The CEWF represents 31 member lake associations (including MACA) that are part of the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) reservoir and flow-through lake systems. The CEWF's goal is to work with governments and the Trent Severn Waterways management to better and more fairly control water levels on TSW reservoir and flow-through lakes.

The CEWF is encouraging the TSW to move to a "preferred water level" model instead of the current model which is based on an "equal percentage" drawdown from each reservoir lake.

To that end, 15 member lake associations (including MACA) have provided the CEWF with suggestions for preferred water levels. These suggestions have been passed along to TSW management.

The TSW says it is studying the recommendations, and will continue dialogue with the CEWF, though it is still not clear whether the preferred water level model will be adopted.

MACA will continue to support the CEWF's efforts, and we will keep members informed on future developments.



Turtle Family - Courtesy Larry Holden

Nature Notes:

Help Save the Beech Trees!

Beech bark disease is a relatively new threat affecting beech trees in Canada's hardwood and mixed forests. It is caused by a combination of an introduced beech scale insect (*Cryptococcus fagisuga*) from Europe, coupled with a necrotic fungus. While the necrotic fungus was likely native to North America, the introduced scale insect provides an opening to a new host tree for the fungus.

Beech bark disease results in severe die-back in mature Beech trees, potentially creating a significant threat to wildlife, biodiversity, and sustainable forestry in Ontario. While this new disease poses a significant threat to Ontario's majestic beech stands, not all beech are killed by the disease, and prevention for individual beech trees is possible.

How to Identify Beech Bark Disease:

- The disease attacks mature trees over 8 inches in diameter, rather than small, more vigorous stems.

- In fall, the fungal fruiting bodies can be seen as deep-red, lemon-shaped structures in the bark.
- Infection may also result in oozing from the bark.
- Tree crowns appear yellow and die back.



What to do if you see it:

- Learn how to properly identify the signs and symptoms of beech bark disease.
- Report all sightings to the Ontario Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711 or online at www.invadingspecies.com

Source: Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program (www.invadingspecies.com)

MACA Flashback! 30 Years Ago

Here's what was making news in the MACA Newsletter for October 1985:



“The Second Great Annual Junior Fishing Championship for Children ages 16 and under was held on Sunday, Aug. 25th, 1985 by the Miskwabi Area Cottagers’ Association Inc. The event, attended by a very good number of area children and their parents or guardians used the Lake Miskwabi boat landing for registration and weigh-in ceremonies... All of the children participating in the event were provided with a ‘goodie bag’ which contained a certificate of participation, an edition of the Angler & Hunter magazine donated by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, and educational material... Association President Jerry Strickland gave a lesson on the care and feeding of live bait, and the group (particularly the parents) enjoyed Bar-B-Q’d hot dogs and cold pop, agreed a good time was held by all despite a very damp morning and the event should be repeated next year... A special vote of thanks to Ed Ross and chief cook Bill Van Ojen. ”

“Dysart advise that snow-plowing will be extended along Lookout Road this winter... The Request for a sandbox at the top of Portage Road leading to Lake Wenona and other hills has been declined as experience is to the effect that it does not work. ”

The Fall 1985 Newsletter also noted that Municipal Election Day was to be scheduled for Tuesday November 12th, 1985. The lone candidate for Reeve, elected by acclamation, would be none other than our current Reeve, Murray Fearrey.



Moose - Courtesy Mike Tipping

Cottage Cook's Corner

Favourite Recipes Shared by MACA Members

Chocolate Zucchini Cake

Submitted by Susan Hay, Wenona Lake

- 2 c all purpose flour
- 2 c white sugar
- ¾ c unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 4 eggs
- 1 ½ c vegetable oil
- 3 cups grated zucchini
- ¾ c chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9x13" baking pan.

In a medium bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Add the eggs and oil, mix well. Fold in the nuts and zucchini until they are evenly distributed. Pour into the prepared pan.

Bake for 50 to 60 min. in the preheated oven, until a knife inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cool cake completely before frosting. I used cream cheese icing and garnished with pecan pieces.